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GERMAN SOCIALISTS OPPOSE MILITARISM

Manifesto Says Nation Driven
Into Wicked War by
the Kaiser

WORKERS TOLD TO AWAKE WORLD IS APPEALED TO

Carnage in Europe Called
Stupendous Crime, Brings
50 Years Ruin

London, Dec. 28.—The Morning Post has received from Herr Karl Bernstein, who writes from Rotterdam, the following translation of a new year's appeal to be issued to the Socialists of Europe and America by the committee of the German humanity league. "Dear Comrades: On the eve of a new year, which opens up on scenes of fear and ruthless crime unparalleled even in the massacre rolls of our nation's infamous accomplices at Constantinople, we appeal to our brethren on the continent of Europe and in the United States of America, not to hide themselves behind the screen of neutrality."

We are face to face with the enemies of mankind. The German nation, driven into this wicked war by the kaiser and his military entourage, cajoled by the perjured states in the Reichstag and by the false records circulated in every state in order to deceive our compatriots, has recklessly hurled itself blindfolded against forces, which, sustained by indisputable moral considerations show no signs of weakening in their determination to expel from Belgium the troops which have covered her inhabitants with blood and irreparable injuries, an innocent nation our rulers had sworn to protect.

"We ask you to remember that the territory of no German state has been menaced by the allies, who are lawfully and honorably defending the plain rights of the cruelly-outraged Belgians."

"Fellow workers, can you longer remain idle and silent spectators of these stupendous crimes? Are you forever to be dumb in view of the awful scenes of carnage in Flanders, in Arabant, in Alsace and Lorraine? Do you not see amid the maiming and slaughter of innocent, unarmed old men, women, children and infants at least, that the kaiser has covered our nation with imperishable infamy, and that the toll of war means the sacrifice of the precious lives of the toilers and wage-earners in a devilish campaign, harboring in its methods upon sea and upon land? Already in five months our homes, our trade, our enterprises have been ruined for at least fifty years and if this war continues the loss of life and economic devastation will scourge the Fatherland for a century."

We know that from authentic intelligence which reaches us that the restless, indignant and deceived democracy, now undergoing privations and nursing its grief cannot be restrained by force from making an active protest and we most earnestly appeal to every comrade who cares for maintenance of international obligations to strive his utmost to crush and sweep away forever the domination of Prussian militarism within Germany, which by its conspiracy against humanity, has disgraced and humiliated our nation in the eyes of the civilized world."

The appeal is signed by Karl Bernstein, Jacob Hamelsdorf, Emil Gott, Conrad Schubert, Gustav Ochse, Ernest Schuster, Franz Gaussen, Brecht Zetzer and is dated at Rotterdam, December 29, 1914.

ANOTHER ROMANTIC TALE FROM GERMAN WIRELESS

Paris, Dec. 29.—A second official announcement was made by the French war office this afternoon. It is as follows: "An official German communication dated December 26 and transmitted generally to all stations—where wireless telegrams are copied, refers to the fact that it often happens that the shells used by the German field artillery do not explode. At the same time the statement is made that these shells were taken by capture from the French or the Belgians."

"The Germans, who daily have excellent opportunities to observe the efficacy of the French artillery have now discovered a new quality in our guns. This is that they are dangerous only when operated by Frenchmen."

"Let us believe that this is only one more of the romantic tales painstakingly spread abroad by the German wireless system."

AZUMA AND IZUMO REPORTED.

Lima, Peru, Dec. 29.—The Japanese armored cruisers Azuma and Izumo sailed from Callao several days ago into Puerto Pizarro, near the northern boundary of Peru. On Sunday they left that port, sailing in a northeasterly direction.

SOLDIERS OF KAISER REFUSING TO FIGHT

German Dead Bound Together
Are Shipped East to
Be Burned

The Hague, Dec. 29.—According to a traveler in Belgium, who has just returned to Holland, the Germans in the west have received heavy reinforcements. He says he saw about 50,000 men pass through Cologne for the front in Belgium. Emperor William also had arrived there.

Other German troops, according to Belgian reports, refuse to go to the front. At Stroobossege a transport train of three hundred manacled soldiers who had refused to fight is said to have been seen. They were reported on their way to Aix la Chapelle to be court-martialed.

A Belgian front Bruges says he crossed the Dutch border through the kindness of an old soldier who said he did not wish to enforce the order keeping all Belgians in that hell.

The Belgian was overcome with horror on seeing two trains filled with dead soldiers, bound four and five together and literally stacked in the cars. The trains were directed to Germany, where the bodies were to be burned.

The German soldiers said they were determined to present to the Fatherland a valuable和平 present in return for the many gifts they have received from home. Their objective was Calais. Along the coast near Bayeux the second line of the German defense had been strengthened with great concrete, having roofs of reinforced concrete. For one and one-tenth miles a covered position for men and guns has been constructed.

The barbed-wire fencing along the Dutch frontier has been so strengthened that it is impossible to get through except at those places where strong German detachments guard the roads to Holland.

As the Germans have discovered that letters under double cover pass in and out by post, all postal communication between Holland and Belgium has been stopped. Since it was learned that people made use of one-day passes to carry letters in and out, the issue of these passes has been stopped.

WAR PREMIER'S TOPIC AT WINNIPEG LUNCH

Sir Robert Borden Says Canada's Whole Heart is in
Crushing of Prussianism

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—In an address before the Canadian club at luncheon today Premier Sir Robert Borden traced the steps Canada was taking to make her weight adequately felt in the war, and declared that the end would not come until Prussian militarism had been crushed. He uttered a word of warning against making haste too fast.

"The preparation must be thoroughly and adequately made," he said. "It would not be only useless but criminal to send our citizen-soldiers into the field of battle without the organization, training and discipline which are essential under conditions of modern warfare."

"We are making ready for the day," he went on, "when the hosts of Germany shall be driven back within their own frontiers and the march begins which shall not end until the Prussian oligarchy and its dominance over the German people shall come to a deserved and inevitable end."

After outlining the effect the war has had in bringing together the component parts of the empire, the premier said it was probable that if the war should last another year the four free nations of the Overseas Dominions would have put into the fighting line a quarter million men. In closing, he said: "There is but one way to deal effectively with the Prussian gospel of force and violence and the Prussian ideal of absolutism. It must be smashed utterly and completely. The sooner that is accomplished the better for the German people and for all the nations. Canada joins wholeheartedly in that great task. What has been done is known to all. What remains to be done shall be limited only to the United States."

The president was asked if the communication sent to Great Britain was the result of the recent gathering of Pan-American diplomats here. He said it was not, but that the position of the United States, saying so far as the United States was concerned, there really was no debate, on the point raised because Britain in previous wars had taken exactly the position now taken by the United States.

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CANADIAN WOUNDED.

London, Dec. 29.—The third batch of thirty-nine undesirables attached to the Canadian contingent at Salisbury, were shipped to Canada during the week-end on board the Hesperian.

BRITAIN WATCHING COMMERCE ON SEA

United States Protests Against
Detention of Cargoes From
American Ports

PRESIDENT WILSON SAYS DAMAGES MUST BE PAID

Conference Being Held in Lon-
don Between Ambassador
and Sir Edward Grey

Washington, Dec. 29.—Official Washington with considerable interest in the outcome of the conference in London to-day between Ambassador Page and Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, for the presentation of a long note from the United States, insisting that the legitimate commerce of this country should not be unduly molested by the British fleet.

The president said that the government could deal confidently with the subjects, only if supported by absolutely honest manifest. He said the great embarrassment to the government in dealing with the whole matter was that some shippers had concealed contraband in cargoes of non-contraband articles, for example, under a cargo of cotton. So long as there were instances of that kind, the president said, suspicion was cast on every shipment and all cargoes were liable to doubt and suspicion.

The communication prepared by President Wilson and his advisers in the state department, reached London to-day and was regarded here as the strongest representation on the subject of commerce made by the United States to any belligerent since the outbreak of the war.

In view of the important principles laid down in the note, it was expected to have a far-reaching effect on the attitude of other neutral countries toward the general subject of contraband. Some diplomats thought it might hasten the calling of the conference of neutral powers proposed by Venezuela to revise rules of international law for the protection of neutral commerce.

The note was not the result, it is understood, of any particular violation by Great Britain of what Washington considers its commerce rights, but was intended as a protest against the general attitude of the British government, to which France has practically adhered in the treatment of neutral cargoes.

President Wilson, referring to-day to the American note to Great Britain, declared that large damages eventually would have to be paid by Britain for unlawful detention of American cargoes.

The president pointed out that many protests previously had been sent in specific cases and that if the contention of the American government was correct, as he firmly believed it was, plans for indemnification ultimately would have to be met by Great Britain.

Supplementary to previous protests, the note, President Wilson explained, represented fully the position of the United States, saying so far as the United States was concerned, there really was no debate, on the point raised because Britain in previous wars had taken exactly the position now taken by the United States.

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LABOR MEMBER ELECTED.

London, Dec. 29.—Yesterday's list of wounded included Second Lieutenant E. H. Greenwood, Royal Engineers, formerly of the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont.

Allied Armies in West More Than Hold Their Own Against Germans Russians Masters in Carpathians

Austrians Who Were to Form Extreme Right of Concerted Attack Are Falling Back From Biala River to Dukla Pass Other Situations Unchanged

London, Dec. 29.—British observers of the progress of the war point this morning to the admission in the Austrian official announcements that Russia is once more master of the passes in the Carpathians and that the troops along the entire Austrian front from the Biala river to a point northeast of the Dukla pass are falling back.

This means the withdrawal of virtually all the forces which swept across the mountains to form the extreme right in the concerted Austro-German attack on the Russian armies, and it makes another surprising reversal of form on the part of the Austrian soldiers, whose battle fortunes since the outbreak of hostilities have been conspicuously erratic.

Germans Holding Crossing on Lys.

Elsewhere in the eastern arena of the war little change has been recorded, while on the western front the slow and tedious trench warfare goes on unimproved with only slight gains on either side.

The British press concedes the importance of the trenches near Holliseke, south of Ypres, which have been taken by the Germans, and points out that the strategic value of these positions has been emphasized recently in a dispatch from Sir John French. They command an important crossing of the river Lys to which the Germans have been holding tenaciously. The taking of these trenches gives them a stronger foothold.

Fear of a Zeppelin raid over London which recently has more or less subsided, has been replaced by the possibility of a raid by German aeroplanes. The comparative ease with which British airmen reached Cuxhaven has driven home the idea that a retaliatory visit would not present any greater difficulties.

All the machinery to meet air invaders has been tightened up. The official warning as to the steps to circumvent danger, heretofore issued only in coast towns, is now being circulated in London.

RUSSIAN CRUISER IN MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Opening of Parliament Quiet; No
State Ball or Drawing Room
to Be Held.

United States Naval Officer
Clears Up Affair of Threat-
ened Bombardment

Washington, Dec. 29.—Capt. Oman, commander of the armored cruiser North Carolina at Beirut, Syria, informed the navy department to-day that it was a Russian cruiser and not an American vessel which recently threatened to bombard Tripoli.

Captain Oman's explanation was made in response to a request from Secretary Daniels. It was filed at Beirut yesterday, and is as follows: "On December 25, the Russian cruiser Askold sent boats with armed men on a reconnaissance near Tripoli, Syria, at the village of Banias. Before arrival at the beach the boats grounded in shoal water and the crews of the boats were fired by the people. At the threat of Turkish authorities to imprison the boat's crews, they were informed that the Russian cruiser would bombard the village in such an event, and consequently no one was made prisoner. No shots were fired.

The Russian boat's crews left the vicinity when the boats were floated. Since December 9, no American merchantman has been south of Alexandria. The reconnaissance of Beirut, Syria, is frequently made by British, French and Russian cruisers. Everything is quiet at Beirut."

Foreign diplomats, especially those from neutral countries, discussed the note to-day, and members of congress, who had protested to the state department on behalf of merchants and shippers of copper, flour, wheat and other products in which trade had been restricted, expressed satisfaction with the attitude of the government.

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CANADIANS WILL GIVE ALL TO MOTHERLAND

London, Dec. 29.—Cap. James Seddon, formerly Socialist member of parliament for Newton, Lancashire, who was just returned from a Canadian tour, says that in conversation with leading Canadians he found determination to defend the motherland, through with the present business, even if it meant the last man and the last shilling. Everybody is looking forward to a substantial increase of prosperity when the war is over.

Canadians said Mr. Seddon, were particularly impressed with the British navy's power. They say that long lines of German liners are unable to leave American ports.

In conclusion Mr. Seddon said that he found the American working classes as fully in sympathy with the allies as others.

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French Occupy Village in Belgium, Gain Ground in Argonne, Are Investing Stein- bach in Upper Alsace and Take Apre- mont Trenches

Paris, Dec. 29.—The French official statement on the progress of the war given out this afternoon, refers to comparatively minor French successes and mentions the bombardment of certain French positions by German artillery. The French have occupied a village in Belgium; they have gained ground in the Argonne and they are investing Steinbach in Upper Alsace and take Apremont Trenches.

"In Belgium the village of St. Georges has been occupied by our troops, who have established themselves in this location.

German Bombardment From Lys to Somme.

"From the Lys to the Somme the enemy has rather violently bombarded our positions in the vicinity of Rechelle, at Saubin, at Lequesnoy and at Pouchoir, to the northwest of Roye.

"There has been calm along the front, between the Somme and the Argonne.

"We have gained a little ground in the Argonne, notably in the forest of La Grurie, in the forest of Bolante, and in the forest Courtechausse.

"On the heights of the Meuse several German counter-attacks have been repulsed in the forest of Le Bouchot, which is northeast of Troyon.

"The forces of the enemy which had occupied our trenches in the vicinity of the redoubt in the burned forest to the west of Apremont, have been driven out after three successive counter-attacks.

"In Upper Alsace, following a violent engagement we are to-day closely investing Steinbach and our forces have taken possession of the ruins of the chateau which is located to the northwest of this village."

SHOOT SHARP ATTACK WINS ARRAS TRENCHES

No Account Given of How French Re-
took Trenches in Burned Forest
Near Apremont.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—The German official statement given out in Berlin to-day says the German attacks in Poland have made progress and that Russian advances have been repulsed.

In the west the Germans claim gains near Neuport and Ypres; they defeated the French not far from St. Menhould, captured a trench west of Arras, and repelled attacks elsewhere.

The text of the statement follows: "In the western arena of the war we gained some ground after relatively unimportant engagements near Neuport and to the southeast of Ypres.

"Several strong French attacks to the northwest of St. Menhould have been repulsed by heavy losses to the enemy. We captured 200 prisoners.

"An advance in the burned forest to the west of Apremont led to the capture by us of one fortified French trench and three machine guns

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GENERAL ALDERSON IS
NOT LEAVING CANADIANS

UNIONIST MEMBER FOR
HOWDENSHERE IS DEAD

London, Dec. 29.—The Canadian Associated Press to-night received a telegram from General Alderson, the commanding officer of the Canadian contingent, reading as follows: "There is no truth in the report of my leaving the Canadians."

LATE NIGHT WAR NEWS

BRITAIN'S WAR RUN
ON BUSINESS LINES

Government Opponent Commends Methods Used by Army and Admiralty Officials

London, Dec. 28.—Criticism of the government's war preparations which was heard during the early stages of the war, has already ceased, indicating that the general public has either settled down to the belief that everything is being done as well as possible or has tired of writing letters to the press.

The war office has now enlisted the services of business men with experience in carrying out big enterprises to take part in the work of supplying the army, and the labor unions have volunteered to watch the execution of government contracts, not only to see that proper equipment and rations are supplied to the soldiers, but to prevent "sweating."

Arnold White, a prominent writer and former colonial official, has been making a thorough inspection of the training camps for the purpose of detecting any scandals of mismanagement. Having been a bitter enemy of the Liberal government, his point of view was not prejudiced in its favor. He writes:

"Having visited thirty-six camps in various parts of the country, I am thoroughly cheered. In the majority of cases business men are handling the problems of war. People living inland have no conception of the thoroughness, efficiency and silence with which the war office and the admiralty have cooperated for the business of preventing a German raid or invasion."

The alarm that is still felt in some parts of these islands is wholly unjustified, because, first, the efficiency of the fleet under Jellicoe has increased since the war began, and second, because the practical measures adopted by military engineers, if generally known, would enable the timid to sleep quietly in their beds. If I were out to pick holes in your administration, it would not be in the general administration of the war."

LAST CASUALTY LIST

London, Dec. 28.—The following list of casualties was issued to-night from the headquarters of the expeditionary force:

Killed—Farmer, Second Lieut., Leicestershire Regiment; MacAndrews, Lieut., Seaforth Highlanders; MacAndrews, Second Lieut., Black Watch. Died of Wounds—Pritchett, Capt. W. P., Gloucester Regiment; Sparrow, Lt. G. L., South Wales Borderers; Wainwright, Second Lieut., Northamptonshire Regiment.

Wounded and Missing—Mann, Lieut. R. L., 7th Dragoons; Mansell, Captain J. L., 7th Dragoons.

Wounded—Adams, Lieut. D. V. M., Royal Army Medical Corps; Broad,

Second Lieut., Royal Field Artillery; Caius, Second Lieut., Sussex Regiment; Calderon, Second Lieut., Interpreter Corps; Cartwright, Capt. H. S., 14th Battalion London Regiment; Dunster,

Second Lieut., Argyll and Sutherland;

Greenwood, Second Lieut., Royal Engineers; Hardy, Second Lieut., Sussex Regiment; Herbert, Lieut. M. C., Gloucester Regiment; Hitchins, Major W. H., Manchester Regiment; Lynch,

Lieut. R. F., Manchester Regiment; Mackenzie, Lieut. D. C., Seaforth Highlanders; Malby, Lieut., Royal Scots; Rose, Capt. A. B., Manchester Regiment; Thompson, Capt. H. M., Argyll and Sutherland; Somerville,

Second Lieut., Seaforth Highlanders; Squires, Capt. E. K., Royal Engineers; Taylor, Second Lieut., King's Royal Lancasters Regiment; Tees, Lieut. J., Grenadier Guards; Wauchope, Major D. S. O., Black Watch; Weeding,

Second Lieut., Welsh Regiment.

BOSWORTH SEES GOOD CHANCE TO ADVERTISE

Offers Reserved Seat to View Scenery to Any German Raider From United States.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—The German

scare reached Vice-President Bosworth, of the C. P. R., in the form of a telegraphic inquiry from the New York Times this afternoon as follows: "We are receiving intimations from widely scattered points in California that there is a movement of Germans in civilian clothing northward, the object being to raid Vancouver and Canadian Pacific railway communication. Have you anything to say?"

Mr. Bosworth had something to say. It was thus: "We have fine scenery all along the line of the C. P. R., and can reserve a seat ten thousand feet high for the solitary meditations of any German raider who comes across the international boundary."

LONDON PUBLIC WARNED AGAINST HOSTILE CRAFT

London, Dec. 28.—The London official bureau this evening made the following announcement: "The naval and military authorities call the attention of persons using the streets, to the danger from fragments of shell and from bullets from the guns used against hostile aircraft attempting a raid on London."

"The civil population are warned to keep under cover, preferable in basements, upon hearing the sound of firing by gun or of explosives."

EMERGENCY HOSPITALS ESTABLISHED AT BERLIN

London, Dec. 28.—A correspondent of the British Medical Journal states that twenty-five emergency military hospitals have been established in Berlin, with accommodation for 20,000 troops. One of the larger hospitals is housed in the new buildings erected for use in connection with the Olympic games. Others have been placed in factories, museums and art galleries. The wounded are conveyed singly from the railway station to the hospitals in motor ambulances. A shortage of gauze and absorbent cotton is already making itself felt.

BATTLE FOUGHT THREE DAYS IN THE VOSGES

Basel, Switzerland, Dec. 28.—A battle lasting from December 24 until December 26 occurred along the whole front of the French and German armies in the Vosges mountains. The sound of the cannon firing was plainly heard in Switzerland. French aeroplanes manoeuvring over the town of Muechhausen in Alsace returned with sufficient information, it is said, to allow the French artillery to conduct an effective fire on the German positions.

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GERMAN BOMBS KILLED RESIDENTS ON LANGEVOG

London, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail, referring to a report published by the Hamburger Fremdenblatt, that four British airmen dropped bombs on the German island of Langevog, in the North Sea, Christmas day, killing several civilians, says that an investigation proves that it was not British who dropped the bombs, but German airmen who believed that British torpedo boats were lurking off the island in the fog.

BELGIAN REFUGEES MAY BE PLACED UPON LAND

London, Dec. 29.—Discussing the question of the possibility of employing Belgian refugees in the preparation and cultivation of land, the Fruit Grower maintains that it is a subject which might well be looked into directly.

There is no keener or cleverer market grower, it says, than the Belgian who devotes his attention to this branch of industry, and there must be many hundreds of these men of long residence amongst the refugees.

SMALL FRENCH BAND HARASSING GERMANS

Hundred and Fifty Fugitive Fighters Cut Off Wage Warfare From Forest

Paris, Dec. 28.—In all its wealth of heroic actions the present war contains no more surprising episode than that which has just been brought to light. The facts are as follows:

For four months, ever since August 23, an organized company of 150 French soldiers have been living in the Belgian provinces of Luxembourg and although surrounded entirely by the German forces occupying Belgium, they have constantly escaped capture. For four months they have conducted a guerrilla warfare against their foes, inflicting heavier losses and more damage than could be done by an entire regiment in the open, and every attempt of the Germans to dislodge them from the mountain forests where they have found refuge has failed.

The story is vouched for by an unimpeachable authority who has personally seen and interviewed the commander of this fugitive force and several of his men.

These 150 men are all that is left of the French troops who vainly attempted in a two day battle to resist the German advance between the Rivers Lisse and Semois on August 22-23. The order for general retreat sent out by the allied forces on Sunday, August 23, reached them too late. Their only way of retreat, through Mezieres, having been cut off, and realizing that they were surrounded, they decided to seek refuge in the thick forests with which this region is covered and to await there the return of the French forces, which in their minds then was a matter of only days.

The informant who brings this story to Paris makes no secret of the hiding places of these soldiers, which, he says, is between the towns of Saint-Hubert and Givet, in the Belgian section of the Ardennes Mountains. Their presence there is known to all the inhabitants of the surrounding villages and to the Germans as well.

Having decided to remain within the enemy's lines, the men were organized by the few officers who had survived the battle and after a careful survey of the country, a place of concealment was selected from which it would be possible to do as much harm as possible to the enemy with the least danger of detection. Scouting parties were sent to the nearby villages, who enlisted the aid of the inhabitants, all of whom have long ago fled the country and are now beyond the reach of German reprisals. A good supply of ammunition was the most urgent need of the soldiers and women and children volunteered to make a search of the Lisse-Semois battlefield and to empty the cartridge belts of the dead French troops still unburied. A supply of 17,000 Lebel cartridges was gathered in this manner and carefully concealed in the forest.

In exchange for the food and clothing which were furnished by the villagers, the commanding officer gave regular army requisition papers which will be redeemed when the war is over and the Belgian peasants were only too glad to save their property from the Germans in this manner, knowing that they will obtain payment for it from the French government at a later date.

But this was not the soldiers only means of obtaining supplies. Believing the surrounding country cleared of hostile troops, the Germans continued to send provision trains through with only a small guard to protect them and one by one these trains were held up and their escorts killed by the Frenchmen. These attacks occurred at points so far apart that the Germans were unable to discover the exact location of the hostile force and although strong bodies of troops have been sent against it every search has failed. Cavalry and infantry troops have ventured as far into the forests as they have dared, but so thorough a knowledge of the ground have the fugitives acquired that they have been able to conceal themselves successfully every time.

During the first few weeks of their forest life the soldiers might have succeeded in getting over the border had they accepted the offers of the inhabitants to furnish clothing with which they could disguise themselves as peasants and pass through the German lines as refugees. These offers however, were refused.

On one occasion in the village of Houyet, on the Lisse, twenty kilometers from Dinant, the fugitive soldiers had a narrow escape. A German force, which the French believed to be small, had occupied the royal chateau d'Ardenne and was making merry with the contents of a well filled larder and wine cellars of the place, while the few remaining inhabitants in the village were starving. The commander of the French soldiers decided to put an end to this condition of affairs and undertook personally to trap and capture the German commander. The surprise of the latter can well be imagined when during a morning stroll he came suddenly face to face with a French officer in full uniform who ordered him to hold up his hands. He drew his revolver instead, but the Frenchman was quicker and shot him dead.

The report was heard by the sentry at the chateau and brought a strong force of Germans on the run. The French soldiers were waiting nearby, to assist their chief, but one glance was enough to see that they were greatly outnumbered and all fled back to the woods, not one being even wounded.

A similar incident had occurred only a few days before at Beaurain, ten miles away, where a German captain had been killed, and the military authorities therupon decided to make a thorough search of the forest to round up the French troops. More than 1,000

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men took part in the search, but not a Frenchman was found.

Meanwhile the attacks have continued and the Germans in the regions of Houyet, Gedune, Saint-Hubert, Beaurain and Givet are terrorized.

No officer dares venture out alone; no stranger is allowed to pass. M. Speyer, the Belgian senator, who has taken charge of the feeding of the remaining inhabitants of these regions, has been subjected to a close watch during all his visits, and he is practically the only one tolerated in these towns.

The authority for this story saw the French commander only two weeks ago and succeeded in getting through the German lines and back to Paris. At that time the German military authorities had posted throughout the

two Belgian provinces of Luxembourg and Namur the following announcement addressed to the fugitive soldiers:

"French soldiers:

"We know where you are and have full information regarding your strength. In your own interest we advise you to surrender and promise that your lives will be safe. If you refuse every one of you will be shot."

On the following morning the Germans were amazed to find written in a bold hand across several of the posters the following line:

"If you know where we are why don't you come and get us?"

And underneath appeared the signature of the French commanding officer, with his full name and rank and the number of his regiment.

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4 lbs. Rolled Wheat 25	25
Farina 15	15
2 lbs. Canned Clams 15	15
Bread 15	15
2 lbs. Mixed Biscuits 15	15
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Butter 25	25
1 lb. Soda 25	25
Finest Selected Ham, per lb. 25	25
Corn Flakes 10	10

ANNOUNCEMENT—Closing the Douglas and King's Road Branches in all orders—1915.

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GERMANY IS ISOLATED FROM MANY COUNTRIES

Berne, Dec. 29.—German papers are complaining bitterly of the isolation of the country from neutral countries, as the result of the war. The four cable lines in which she is interested have been cut: Emden-Azores; Shanghai-Tsingtao; cable across canal of Fife; Sebastopol-Varna. The following have been interrupted: Anglo-German, Azores-Great Britain, Jay Island-United States, Jay Island-United States, Shanghai-Yap.

Germany's radio-telegraphic stations at Dar-es-Salam, Duala, Lomé, Kao, Tchoumi, Apira and New Guinea have been destroyed.

STEWART UNAWARE OF ALLEGED FRAME-UP

Accountant Had No Dealings With Dominion Trust Till Asked to Investigate

Vancouver, Dec. 29.—Seen last night by the press, Andrew Stewart, C. A., had something to say with regard to the meeting of creditors of the Dominion Trust company yesterday, and the connection of his name therewith. "It would appear from reports of the meeting," said Mr. Stewart, "that I was the ringleader of the alleged frame-up. As a matter of fact, I have never had any business dealings with any of the gentlemen who are now connected with the liquidation of the Dominion Trust company until my firm was appointed to make an investigation."

"So far as I am aware, I have received no support in any shape or form from these gentlemen for the position of permanent liquidator. I allowed my name to go forward only after strong representations had been made to me by large creditors in the old country, in eastern Canada and locally."

Asked his opinion regarding the order, which was made by the chief justice last Saturday, and about which there was some discussion yesterday, Mr. Stewart remarked: "Inasmuch as the Dominion winding-up act provided that at creditors' meetings regard should be had in voting to the amount of creditors' claims, and that—the same act also provided that all proxies or other written authority to represent creditors must be deposited with the liquidator or chairman before the meeting, the order worked no hardship, and certainly all solicitors who appeared to be the chief complainers ought to have been aware of these provisions."

CONSUL FOR HONDURAS IS CHARGED WITH ARSON

Contents of House in San Francisco Saturated With Oil and Prepared for Destruction.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Fernando Somozas Vivas, consul-general here of the Republic of Honduras, was arrested today on a charge of arson. He had been under surveillance by the police since last night, when firemen said they found that his burning house had been liberally sprinkled with oil and turpentine.

Bureau drawers in the Consulate were found filled with oil; carpets had been sprinkled with inflammable holes had been cut through the ceilings of closets for flues, and streamers tied from the rafters to guide the flames, according to the fire marshal.

At police headquarters Vivas asserted that his position as the representative of a foreign nation made him immune from prosecution.

Vivas carried \$2,500 insurance on the house, which he was buying on the installment plan.

WOMEN TAKING HAND IN CHICAGO ELECTIONS

Advertise for Would-Be Alderman Applicants Are to Be Investigated.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Democratic women of the second ward inserted advertisements in Chicago newspapers to-day depicting aldermanic candidates. The advertisements read as follows: "Wanted—Candidate for alderman in second ward—either man or woman; must be progressive, aggressive, radical and a Democratic Democrat with a political record which rings true and will attract the votes of women. Answers will be held confidential."

"We want to find out just who wants to serve as aldermen and then investigate them," said Mrs. M. S. Jones, chairwoman of the women's committee.

"The one that has the best qualifications we shall support."

SHOT CHILD TRYING TO KILL SWEETHEART

Millville, N. J., Dec. 29.—The mystery surrounding the killing last night of Beatrice Bailey, six years old, who was found to be a child that came through a window at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. George Pettit, when the bullet came through the window. There was no clue to the mysterious shooting until a young woman member of the family told the police that Hann had been jealous of her. Hann was found at his home, and after he was told of the death of the child he confessed the police. He was locked up in the Millville jail.

The victim was the daughter of Mrs. William Bailey, of this place. She was seated at the supper table with other members of the family of her grandmother, Mrs. George Pettit, when the bullet came through the window. There was no clue to the mysterious shooting until a young woman member of the family told the police that Hann had been jealous of her. Hann was found at his home, and after he was told of the death of the child he confessed the police. He was locked up in the Millville jail.

Washington, Dec. 29.—There was promulgated in Peking to-day a new election law for the republic, containing certain amendments. The most notable clause of these regulations is that which fixes the term of office of president of China to ten years. This term, however, may continue indefinitely if the senate, by a two-thirds vote, considers that the political situation makes such extension desirable.

PLAN TO ENTERTAIN TEN THOUSAND WOMEN

New York, Dec. 29.—Preliminary plans for the entertainment of ten thousand women for two weeks, commencing May 16 next, when the General Federation of Women's clubs open its convention in this city, were begun yesterday when headquarters were opened. The convention will be attended by six thousand delegates and alternates. Four thousand other clubwomen will swell the attendance.

ALASKA JUDGE NOMINATED

Washington, Dec. 29.—President Wilson to-day nominated Charles E. Bunnell, of Valdez, Alaska, judge of the district court of Alaska, division No. 4.

Finance never ruined a country, nor an individual either, if he had pluck. Beaconsfield.

GREAT STORM SWEEPS OVER BRITISH ISLES

Telegraphic Service With Constant Disorganized; Several Disasters in North Sea

London, Dec. 29.—A great gale and snowstorm swept over the larger part of Great Britain and Ireland last night, resulting in considerable loss of life and much damage. The telegraphic service on the Continent was disorganized and communication with France was almost severed.

One man was killed and several persons were injured in the collapse of a house wall at Clapham. Elsewhere in London, plate glass windows were blown out and property was damaged in many ways. Two feet of snow fell in many parts of the country, causing serious flooding of rivers.

Dublin experienced the heaviest snowfall in many years.

Several disasters occurred as the result of striking miners in the North Sea. Among the vessels sunk were the steamer Linaria, whose crew were rescued, and a Glasgow steamer. The Linaria, which was of 1,571 tons register, belonged to the Stag Line, of North Shields. She was built in 1911.

Commenting on the fact that eight vessels have been lost in the North Sea since Christmas Eve, owing to mines, the Times to-day says:

"Many people have been under the impression that some of these losses were caused by hitting British mines. It can be stated authoritatively that not a single British mine has been laid down off the east coast of England."

"The loss falls most heavily on neutral shipping, which, however, has been warned repeatedly by the admiralty that the German mines are insecurely anchored and likely to drift considerably distances."

Paris, Dec. 28.—The following official statement was issued by the war office to-night:

"During the entire day a violent storm has interfered with the operations along the greater part of the front. It is reported, notwithstanding that we have made some progress in the Argonne region."

CLAFLIN ASSETS TO BE SOLD

New York, Dec. 28.—A decree providing for the sale on January 14, of the assets of the H. B. Claflin company was signed by Judge Hand in the United States district court to-day. The assets include all property right and interest held by John Claflin in the insolvent company.

Phoenix Beer, doz. pks. 75c.

Bath Robes and Dressing Gowns, of warm fleece flannel; shades pink, sky and tan, and include pretty nursery patterns, such as Teddy Bear, Kewpies and "Good Night."

For children of ages to 12 years. Regular \$1.50, \$1.60 and \$1.75.

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Xmas Novelties at Half-Price

The following are but a few of the many dainty and useful things left over from the Christmas shopping, and following our usual custom we offer them at half-price, and the Silk Opera Bags you will notice are much less than half-price. This is a timely offering for New Year gift seekers.

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Regular \$6.50, now ...	\$3.25

Gents' Shaving Pads, in silk, cotton, crepe and linen—	45c
Regular 90c, for	40c
Handkerchief Sachets and Cases, in silk of various colors—	75c
Regular \$1.50, for	20c
Hatpin Holders—	20c
Regular 90c, for	45c
Regular 65c, for	35c
Regular 50c, for	25c
Pin Cushions—	25c
Regular \$2.50, for	1.25
Regular \$1.75, for	90c
Regular \$1.25, for	65c

Jewel Boxes, covered with embroidered linen.	75c



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THE WAR.

The French official announcement this afternoon reports the occupation of the village of St. Georges, in Belgium, by the allies. This is a substantial gain and its capture indicates that Nieuport, three miles northwest of the village, has been retaken or is about to be retaken. Certainly with the allies at Lombaert's ridge on the northeast and at St. Georges on the southeast Nieuport can be made too hot for the Germans to hold. Against this gain by the allies is an equally important move by the Germans in the capture of Hollenbeck, southeast of Ypres, reported yesterday. The allies will leave no stone unturned to retake this point and we predict that it will be in their possession again before the year is out.

The French are concentrating strong reinforcements in the Argonne, which henceforth will attract more attention from the British public, because a portion of our expeditionary force has been transferred to that region. The Germans made a distinct gain there in the capture of St. Hubert's a fortnight ago. This is a district of vital strategic importance to both armies. It is there that some of the fiercest battles of the war have been fought, and owing to the difficult nature of the country the losses have been very heavy on both sides. The French report also recounts further progress in the woods southeast of St. Michel and in Alsace, where extensive operations are now in progress.

In the east the Russians are following up their successful maneuver by which they inserted a wedge between the Austrians who, advancing from the region of Cracow, endeavored to form a junction with the forces which drove their way northward through the Carpathians into Galicia. The latter sustained a severe defeat and the Russians have regained control of the passes from which they had retired. Another advance into Hungary and westward towards Cracow may be expected in a few days. In southern Poland also the Russians are on the offensive, but on the front of the Bzura and Rawka rivers west of Warsaw they are remaining strictly and successfully on the defensive. The main German attack in this region is now being directed from the southwest. The Russian report says nothing of the German demonstration from East Prussia to Mlawa. The net result of the German-Austrian offensive in Poland and Galicia to date is a very materially weakened Austria and a checked Germany.

CIVIC RETRENCHMENT.

A correspondent attacks our figures relative to the expenditure of the city and the proportion over which the council has no control. He points out that the estimate of outlay for the year was \$2,501,479 and that of this total the fixed charges amount to \$796,113, leaving two-thirds upon which the council can operate. As a matter of fact, the expenditure for the current year is \$300,000 below the estimate, this amount having been struck off by the council last November, a circumstance of which our correspondent, in common with many others, evidently is not aware. He is mistaken also in his estimate of the proportion which could be made subject to the pruning knife. He should have added to his figure of \$796,113 for fixed charges the sum of \$297,000 for school maintenance and salaries and \$97,000 for police, and his total of expenditures over which the council has no control would have been one-half of the outlay of the city for the year. The fixed charges, education and police budget next year will aggregate over \$1,100,000, which will be more than fifty per cent. of the whole expenditure.

We repeat that whatever reduction is decided upon by the council must be borne by approximately one-half the city outlay unless the school board and

police commissioners pare their estimates. This must fall largely upon the essential services, and there is a limit beyond which it would be dangerous to go. Reduction in taxation is not only desireable but urgent, but it is impossible to reduce the expenditures on our ordinary services by fifty per cent. There is an irreducible minimum of penalty which must be paid for the era of carelessness and extravagance, characterized by the wildest inflation of values, which was not only tolerated but actually encouraged by many of those who now are agitating to the facts. These and other points must be cleared up.

A PEOPLE'S WAR.

If this war ends without the annihilation of Prussian militarism it will have been fought in vain. The nations of the entente have signed a treaty under the terms of which none can make peace without the consent of the others, and there is every indication that the course upon which the contracting powers have entered will be pursued to the finish. The only remote "untoward" possibility lies in the uncertainty of political conditions. There might occur the ascendancy in Russia and France of elements which, while desiring the defeat of Germany, do not wish to see German militarism destroyed because it presents an excuse for the adoption or maintenance of a similar policy, with its reactionary privileged accompaniments, in their own countries.

BATHING BARBARIANS.

The Sun is the only New York newspaper, with the exception of the Staats Zeitung (Herman Ridder's paper), which does not severely condemn the German raid on undefended cities and the slaughter of non-combatants. Berlin having announced that the raid on the Yorkshire coast was made for the purpose of "cheering up" the Kaiser, who is said to be in need of a stimulant these days, the Sun says there may be some basis of truth in the announcement, but "it assumes that his imperial majesty was 'shocked by the slaughter.' The course of events will prove whether Wilhelm was shocked. We shall see whether he will turn the baleful light of his frowning countenance upon such raids in the future. Truth to tell, we believe similar raids since have been made upon other unfortified places. In fact, the raiders have gone from one atrocity to another ever since the war began. The Kaiser may not be a monster, but his Hun have been inciting each other to the commitment of monstrosities since the fateful day when the first German soldier set his foot practised in the goreship, upon Belgian soil, and no one ever has heard of the first of the Huns counselling moderation. We have a speech before us delivered by a member of the Reichstag, in which this passage occurs: "We shall hold fast for all time the countries fertilized by German blood. Our burning love for the German fatherland makes us strong enough to offer the greatest sacrifices. Let us hold fast to what we have, won, and, over and above that, acquire all we need. By bloody war to splendid victory—that is the motto of this great time." Possibly such bloodthirsty sentiments as these do not call for rebuke. They have been accepted in the official annexation of Belgium. But one of the ferocious Herr Professors rises to a higher pitch of frenzy, saying:

"All we Germans are living under the impression of the most powerful example of the calmness and deliberation with which the allies have conducted the campaign against the devastators. The terrible plight in which Belgium has been placed has excited commiseration throughout the world. But the task of the liberators is a heavy one, and undue haste or precipitation might be fatal. We think Joffre and French may be trusted to carry on their work without unnecessary delay and to finish it effectively. Already there is justification of the tactics of the allied armies and fleets. Germany is feeling the pinch of privation. She is being strangled by the cordon that has been thrown around her, both by land and sea. Her people are being warned that they must conserve their food supplies. Certain commodities which we would consider it a hardship to be deprived of, particularly during the festive season, they are told must be reserved exclusively for the sick and wounded. This condition of affairs irritated the admiral in chief of the German navy, the hitherto unruffled and confident von Tirpitz. In an interview that gentleman told a press correspondent hailing from the United States, but bearing a German name, that as the purpose of the British is to starve out the Germans, from henceforth it will be the determination of the German navy to reduce the people of Great Britain to a state of famine. Von Tirpitz says he can do it and that he will do it by sinking with submarines every vessel that approaches the British coast with supplies. To this outburst of desperation, an evidence of desperation, an American newspaper very properly points out that the seizure of merchant ships carries with it certain obligations under the rules of warfare. But as the Germans from the beginning of the war have violated all rules, they must

INDISCREET VON TIRPITZ.

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Meanwhile there must be a searching investigation of the whole matter. There must be no chloroforming or whitewashing. The fact that the managing director is beyond a human court of inquiry does not end the chapter. The country should be informed why the company was permitted to operate

in contravention of the law for years. What were the relations between the company and the government or any member of the government? To what extent, if at all, did it owe immunity from interference to the fact that the head of the firm it retained as its solicitors was the chief law officer of the province? Was any member of the government under obligation to the company in any way? What were the relations between Arnold and von Alvensleben? How came the auditors to send out reassuring statements which must have been contrary to the facts? These and other points must be cleared up.

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not be expected to be more scrupulous now that they have been reduced to a state of extremity. The will of Germany is the law, and all who have not the power to resist the forces of destruction must bow the knee to the international bandit and bully. At the same time we do not think Great Britain will be cowed by the ultimatum of von Tirpitz. That cultured gentleman has not withheld his hand thus far. He has done his worst whenever he had the opportunity; and we do not see that those opportunities are multiplying. The bluffs and the brutality of the Germans have not changed the determination of the British to carry the campaign to a conclusion, and already there are indications of what the end will be and of the manner in which that end will be accomplished. Von Tirpitz by his outburst has disclosed Germany's extremity and her most vulnerable point.

TIPPERARY IN A PATRIOTIC SETTING.

Up, ye British subjects, for your country's calling! Away off at the battle front there's something you can do; Freedom's cause is menaced by a tyrant strong and bold. Then leave your bus'ness and your play, your country's cause uphold.

Chorus.

It's a long way to old Britannia.
It's a long way to old Britannia,
It's a long way to old Britannia,
To the dearest land I know.

Good-bye, O Canada!

Farewell, loved ones dear;

It's a long, long way to old Britannia,
But my heart's right there.

You'll have hardships many, and privations hard to bear;

But remember 'tis for home and those you hold most dear;

You may suffer loss of limb, or injury for life;

But just imagine what's at stake, and rush into the strife.

Chorus—

Some day when the roll is called you may not answer "Here!"

And your home in Canada will mourn for one so dear;

But though you sleep on foreign soil, and in an unmarked grave,

You give that life in Freedom's cause, your country for to save.

Chorus—

COBB'S INTERVIEW.

Washington Herald.

One thing seems quite certain. Mr. Leving Cobb neglected to get the censor to put his O. R. on the alleged interview with Lord Kitchener. Another thing that will stick in the mind of all is that both Cobb and his paper displayed the story in a most amateurish way, giving preference to a lot of nothing that Mr. Cobb said to Lord Kitchener in reply to questions that were apparently intended to make the interviewer feel at home, and putting at the end the really significant alleged utterances that brought forth a denial from the British war office. Mr. Cobb evidently labored under the misapprehension that he was giving information to the war chief no doubt depends on sources much nearer the front.

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THEIR PROPER PLACE.

London Chronicle.

About two thousand men, all fighting age and in peak of physical condition, employed week by week in kick-boxing, about footballs, and in attracting to watch them hundreds of thousands of other men whose proper place is also with the colors. . . . The very fact that the spectacle can breed in them such utter indifference to the lot of their mates fighting at the front less than 200 miles away is surely its strongest condemnation.

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SPOON FED ON VICARIOUS PATRIOTISM.

London Express.

Our people have not been led to suppose that huge military efforts would ever be demanded of us. They have been spoon fed on easy optimism and vicarious patriotism. It is hard now to rouse them in time. But if the laggards would consider the mood and the efforts of Germany they must then be shamed into a proper rivalry. Those that have eyes to see let them see.

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Fitch Stoles from \$25 to	\$65.00
Fitch Muffs from \$30 to	\$75.00
Moleskin Tie Effects, each	\$9.75
Moleskin Wide Stoles, 72 inches long, each, \$35 and	\$40.00
Moleskin Muffs, each, \$19.75 to	\$30.00
Squirrel Stoles and Short Ties, each, \$6.75, \$9.75, \$13.75, \$27.50 to	\$85.00
Large Mink Capes, \$125 and	\$150.00
Large Mink Muffs to match, at same price.	
Ermine Ties, each, \$15.00, \$17.50 to	\$45.00
Ermine Large Neck Pieces at	\$65.00
Ermine Muffs to match	\$125.00
Marmot Furs, in tie, cape and long stole effects, each, \$7.50, \$8.75, \$9.50, \$12.50, \$17.50, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00 and	\$35.00
Marmot Fur Muffs, large size, each, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$17.50 to	\$35.00
White Thibet, in long tie effects, each at	\$2.90
Muffs, each	\$2.90
White and Black Hare, in long ties and cape effects, \$3.75 and	\$4.50

—First Floor

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Supreme Court Chambers.—Vacation chambers were held in the supreme court this forenoon by Mr. Justice Gregory, when several motions of urgency were heard and disposed of.

Will Entertain on New Year's Day.—Better stock up with dinner dishes, tumblers, wine glasses, decanters, etc. Big variety at R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas Street.

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"This War Has Shown the Thinking Canadian that as long as a man has a farm of his own he cannot lose his job, and his food problem is solved for him. A clerk, dependent on the resources of the city in which he lives, when he is thrown out-of-work feels the ground slipping from under his feet—precisely because it is not his ground." Maude Radford Warren in The Saturday Evening Post.

If you want some ground of your own in close touch with the E. N. railway in the Nanose and Newcastle Districts with five years in which to pay for it, write or call on the Vancouver Island Fruit Lands, Ltd. General Agents. Carmichael & Moorhead, Ltd., Belmont House, Victoria, B.C.

After Christmas have things repaired at Wilson's Repair Shop, 614 Cormorant Street.

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Hotel Ritz, winter rates, rooms, \$2 per week and up. Turkey dinner, Xmas Day and Sunday, 50c.

New Arc Lamp.—A new lamp is to be placed at the corner of Alexander and Manor road.

Northeast Sewer.—The clerk of Oak Bay council, F. W. Clayton, wrote to the city council last evening with regard to an agreement about the northeast main trunk sewer, which Saanich is seeking to have arranged, stating that his council would object to the agreement till Saanich had arranged suitable terms of payment. The letter was ordered to be sent to the Saanich council.

Esquimalt Council.—There was little business of importance before the Esquimalt council last evening, when it met for the last time this year as a committee of works. The report of the engineer was received and some matters in it acted upon. At the conclusion of the business Reeve Saunders and the councilors adjourned to the miniature range, where they had some rifle practice.

Contributed to Mission.—The W. C. T. U. Mission, Store street, tenders thanks to the following friends who sent donations for Christmas: Mrs. Deaville, Wesley Methodist church, Cupas & Young, Mrs. Few, Miss Hart, Mrs. Purdie, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. McAdam, Mrs. Sprout, Mrs. F. B. Penberth, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. McLorie, Mrs. Mercer, Mrs. McTavish, Mrs. R. A. Brown, A. Friend, Mrs. P. Hibben, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Pendray, Mrs. Lovett, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Blackadder, Mrs. Riddell, Mrs. W. Mitchell, Mrs. Tito, Mrs. A. E. Mitchell, Mrs. Kuy, Mrs. A. H. Stock, Mrs. Driver, and (cash) Mayor Stewart, Mr. Butchart, Mr. Barnard, Canadian Bank of Commerce, Union Bank, Wilson Bros., J. W. Spencer, Mrs. Weiler, D. E. Campbell, Mrs. D. K. Ker, Mr. Beaven, Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Wellwood, Mrs. McLorie, Mrs. Midleton, Miss Saunders, Miss Hoyle and Dr. Helmcken.

Sepia's last word in fine photography. Just the thing for Xmas presents. The Skene Studio, 654 Yates street, corner Douglas.

St. Barnabas' Entertainment.—A big crowd of parents and children gathered last evening in the schoolroom of St. Barnabas' church on the occasion of the annual Christmas entertainment. The little people indulged in games from 5 until half-past seven, when nursery rhymes in character were given, one of the most interesting of these being "The Coming of Santa Claus," which showed a number of small people tucked away in their beds sleeping while Santa Claus, descended by way of the chimney, filled the stockings hung out for his gifts. The house used in this act was constructed by T. S. Mills, and was a wonderful credit to his constructive ability. The annual prize distribution in connection with the Sunday school examinations was held, E. E. Wootten, rector's warden, presenting the awards, notable among the prize-winners being two of the infant-class members who gained full marks. The teachers of these classes are Miss Garnham and Miss Ewings. Mr. Longfield, church organist, read a report of the choir's work, and prizes were awarded as follows: T. Warwick, silver medal; Alexander Webber, church-warden's prize; Albert Webber, organist's prize. The entertainment is to be repeated on Tuesday, January 5.

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**HOSPITAL DIRECTORS
ASK FOR ASSISTANCE**

**Desire Vote in Estimates to
Meet Outstanding Liabilities;
Consideration To-night**

The civic estimates will be before a meeting of the aldermen this evening at 7.30, to which the principal officials have been called. The meeting will be open to the press, and in this way will be avoided such speculation about events and distorted statements of uninformed citizens as have caused past councils much trouble.

A deputation from the directors' board of the Royal Jubilee hospital waited on the finance committee of the city council yesterday afternoon to ask the council to place a sum of money in the estimates next year in order to meet excess cost of working of the hospital, which was estimated at \$11,000 to November 30, this year.

The directors also explained that there is outstanding a large amount in bills, which will materially alter the total bill.

The deputation, which was composed of the city representatives on the board and the treasurer, explained the situation in which the board has found itself in endeavoring to carry on the work with an income insufficient to meet expenditure. The position which was largely a duplicate of that of 1913, when the aldermen agreed to a vote being incorporated in the board of health figures, made it necessary, in the opinion of the delegation, for the hospital to have further aid from the city taxes.

At the time the statement was made, there were outstanding sums from the city and government, claims under the hospital act against the municipalities of Esquimalt and Saanich, and sums owing from patients who could afford to pay. The November account was unpaid at the time the statement was made, increasing the hospital's liability. Allowing for credits and bills due to hospital which are unpaid it was estimated that from \$7,000 to \$8,000 would be required to place the institution on its feet again.

The aldermen promised to give the matter consideration when the estimates were taken up.

From a preliminary discussion of the estimates yesterday, it was gathered that there will be most rigid economy shown when the estimates are before the aldermen this evening. The total is stated to be about \$12,000. This is a considerable cut from the total framed last spring, which, however, was reduced by the pruning last November.

The city council has no direct control over about \$11,000 of the expenditure, \$280,000 being reserved for school purposes and \$97,000 for police, leaving the balance for fixed charges, for interest and sinking fund on various loans, on waterworks and other permanent charges.

The portion over which the council has control is about one million dollars. That there will be a large cut in that total goes without saying—how large depends on the mood of the aldermen.

The members are hopeful of getting the business through at a single meeting, but it is doubtful if they will be able to complete consideration at one session.

MIDNIGHT MATINEE.

The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees are giving a performance known as a "Midnight Matinee" on New Year's Eve, the performance to start at 12.15 a.m., and will consist of fourteen acts of first class vaudeville including several local artists. This show is under the auspices of the above organization and must not be confused with the regular pantomime performance, although Mr. Rice, manager of this popular theatre, has been kind enough to allow the Alliance the use of the house. Popular prices will prevail, viz.: 25, 35 and 50 cents, the last two named being reserved seats, which are now on sale at the box office. Don't forget the time and place and remember that it will be "The First Show of the New Year."

DUCKS AFLOAT IN OIL.

Dozens Discover Hundreds of Helpless Birds Off Beacon Hill; Drift ed Ashore.

A peculiarly interesting thing was discovered by a number of boys who were playing at Horsehoe bay, Beacon Hill, yesterday afternoon. A great flight of wild ducks, seen floating shorewards, amongst the number several dead birds being visible. As the tide moved in across the rocks the birds were lifted unwilling to a foot-hold, and, as they were stranded, the boys were able to gather them in their arms, several of the birds being carried off by the youngsters without any very successful effort being made on the part of the ducks to escape. It was noticed by the lads that the flocks of wild fowl was literally afloat in oil, which covered the surface of the water for quite a distance round the birds, and had evidently clogged their feathers and wings to such an extent that they were unable to fly. It is possible that some of the birds may have been there for some time, and died of either cold or hunger. Some of the captive birds this morning, while unable to fly, showed signs of life, and were able to move about, though with difficulty, showing an inclination to do so as early as possible.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Court Northern Light Will Instal New Executive at Smoking Concert

on January 13.

Court Northern Light, No. 5935, A. O. F., at a largely-attended half-yearly meeting, elected its officers for the ensuing term. These were as follows:

Past Chief Ranger, J. L. Johnson;

chief ranger, J. McFerlie; S. C. R. Fletcher;

treasurer, W. P. Smith; secretary, Ald. W. F. Fullerton; S. W. Eadie; J. W. W. H. Cox; S. B. H. Pelett; J. B. F. J. White; organist, George McKay; surgeon, Dr. J. W. Lennox; trustee, J. P. Hancock.

The installation of these officers will be held at the next meeting, on January 14, on which occasion there will be a smoking concert.

Guests of honor on that occasion will be members of the order who are serving in the navy and army, including members of Court Forward, Halifax, serving on H. M. C. S. Rainbow, and members from the courts in Nelson, Ferndale, Cranbrook, Kamloops, Merritt and Nicola.

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Court of Appeal.—The January term of the court of appeal will open here on Tuesday next. There are a number of appeals being set down for argument.

SOME GOOD ADVICE

Here is some advice given to merchants who think they are cutting down expenses when they stop advertising.

The speaker is a very eminent authority. He says:

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Spanish Table Raisins, Price to clear, 3 lbs. for 25¢
Mixed Candy, per lb., 10c and 15¢
Sugar Stick Candy, 1c each, or 11 for 10¢

All Bon Bons, Christmas Stockings, go at HALF PRICE this week. All marked in plain figures.

Paper Napkins, 100 for 10¢
Crepe Paper, per roll, 9¢
Wash Tub Stand, holds 2 tubs and wringer. Price only \$1.75
Turkeys and Geese for New Year. Leave your orders early.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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Mrs. Wenborn is a guest at the King Edward hotel from Vancouver.

R. N. Moore, of Regina, is among the guests at the Strathcona hotel.

F. E. Leach was among yesterday's arrivals at the Empress hotel.

J. D. McMartin is registered at the Empress hotel from Vancouver.

Mrs. Woodrow and child, of Vancouver, are guests at the Empress hotel.

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MANAGER OF BANK SUPPORTS MOVEMENT

W. H. Silver Speaks of Need of Local Buying on Part of Citizens

A business man and a bank manager naturally view things from a different standpoint in an ordinary way. Over the question of buying goods in Victoria the local bank officials, however, are completely in line with the business fraternity.

The views of W. H. Silver, manager here for the Bank of Nova Scotia, on this subject were obtained by the Times this morning and at the outset he expressed himself completely in accord with the movement.

"Moreover," he added, "the indications are that a larger amount of extra money has been put into circulation over Christmas than has been the case for a long time. Of course a good part of this may be attributed to the fact that the large body of soldiers at the Willows have added their quota, but personally I think that a not inconsiderable amount of the increase may be directly attributed to the efforts made to induce people to buy their goods locally."

Mr. Silver has no sympathy whatever with people who buy their requirements from a distant city instead of from home shops. He stated:

"This mail order business is a vicious thing and has done more harm to smaller towns and cities than almost anything else. In the rural communities, especially, it makes itself felt as a baneful force and militates against the building up of a prosperous town in the middle of an agricultural district which can be in turn a market for the produce grown."

"A system of buying elsewhere but locally also hurts labor conditions. I frankly believe at the present time

that Victoria is better off in this respect than any other place in Western Canada. The war has of course taken a good deal of the surplus unemployment off our hands, and I think that this comparatively fair state of the labor market could be bettered by a judicious cultivation of the plan to buy things locally."

FOOLISH CHARGES.

On the heels of the inevitable denial of the charge made by Germany, transmitted through Ambassador von Bernstorff, that Britain was not only using dum-dum bullets but was buying them extensively in this country, comes another charge from Germany that the allies are firing on the Red Cross flag. Such charges are scarcely worth printing, and much less are they worthy of serious diplomatic consideration.

The denial of the Winchester Arms Company of that part of Count von Bernstorff's statement which involved the New Haven concern is sweeping, emphatic and conclusive. It was hardly needed, for the whole complaint was trivial and childish. The case with which ordinary bullets can be converted into dum-dum bullets has often been explained, but that there has been any official use or approval of them by any of the belligerent nations has already been sufficiently denied.

These complaints about the disregard of the Red Cross flag may be as promptly discussed. It is not improbable that the flag has occasionally been in the line of fire and that it has apparently been fired upon through accident or carelessness. The Germans have been charged by the allies with the same offense. They are no more guilty than the allies and no less so. It's time for all of them to abandon such attempts to gain sympathy for themselves or to arouse feelings against their enemies.—(Hartford Courant.)

A tramp applied to Glasgow woman the other day for something to eat. "Poor man," she said, "have you a wife or family?" "Madam," he indignantly replied, "do you suppose that I would depend upon total strangers for something to eat if I had a wife?"

DEPOSITORS OUT OF WORK AND PENNLESS

Further Tales of Hard Luck of
Dominion Trust Victims
Continue to Come in

Still more hard luck stories are coming to the committee representing the depositors of the Dominion Trust company. Many requests have been received from men who wish to come over here in person to plead their circumstances before the premier and attorney-general in the hope of obtaining relief, but who must have some assistance if they are to come.

The tragic part of it is that none of them are of the kind who are used to pleading poverty; it was their frugality and providence which put them in their present unhappy circumstances. One man who is now penniless is a plumber who had saved up several hundred dollars and now is minus work and finds his savings have disappeared at the very moment in all his years of saving when he needs to draw on his resources.

Another man has lost \$2,000 that he had saved up to clear some bush land, intending to go out and live on the land when work in the city had failed.

Now he can do neither, and writes that he is "dead broke" with a wife and family to support.

He, and others like him, naturally feel very bitter about the matter. It is not the men and women who have lost thousands who are suffering most from their loss, but the men and women whose little hoard of three or four hundred dollars meant weekly denials in order to put by a dollar or two for the "rainy day."

As a relief from the story of disappointment that has been general over the inquiry into the company, several men have breathed a sigh of gladness at finding they are not contributors.

These are the men who subscribed for stock three and four years ago, paying from 20 to 25 per cent. down, and found themselves since unable to meet their notes for the balance. The stock had been sold at a premium, and when the buyers had been unable to meet their notes they were required by the managing director to sign an hypothecation for the protection of the company.

Unknown to them, the late W. R. Arnold is said to have sold out their holdings. One man who figured that he was liable to pay up a sum of \$5,550 to the company, was relieved when he found his name did not appear on the list of contributors, and that his stock had been sold out a year ago.

On a 5th of November a hundred years ago a member of the London Stock Exchange, who wagered that he would get up a charitable subscription without a question being asked,

actually headed a foolscap, "Subscription for the widow and orphans of G. Hawkes, Esq." Almost immediately donations of £2 6d and upwards flowed in steadily until one question was raised by the widow and orphans of G. Hawkes, Esq."

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SPORTING NEWS

BAYLEY AND BURNS MAY MEET AT MERRITT OVER TWENTY ROUND ROUTE

Former Champion Has Offer of Fight for January 16; Heavies May Battle in Match at Juarez.

"I have an offer to fight Roughhouse Burns at Merritt on January 16, and if Promoter Sterling can secure the Pa. champion, I will drop my Australian trip for the present," was the statement of Joe Bayley, the former title holder upon his return from Merritt this morning. Bayley states that he won easily from Johnny Moore, and he cannot understand the report sent out to the effect that the bout was called without a decision. It is true that the fight was stopped at midnight, but Moore was in a very weak condition and referee Barge had no hesitation in awarding Bayley the fight. Barge also wired east, stating that the fight would not be continued on Monday morning.

Cyclone Scott, who accompanied Bayley, says that the local boy fought a greatly improved battle, his work in close testifying to the tricks that he learned while in the south. Bayley's hands stood the hammering in fine shape and the Victoria youth did not leave a mark on him. He dislodged Moore a dozen times, the latter's seconds refusing to allow the colored boy to quit. Bayley enjoyed a sleigh ride while in the Nickel district, the first in years. He signed up for the Moore bout without a day's training, but says that he intends to work out regularly from now on, in the hopes of winning back his title.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 29.—Jack Johnson, promoter of the Jack Johnson-Jess Willard heavyweight boxing contest, said the date and place for the bout had not yet been selected. He denied a report that the fight had been set for Juarez, Mexico, March 17, although he said the Mexican border town might be selected. He thought

LENGTHY PROGRAMME OF Y. M. C. A. ATHLETICS

Y. M. C. A. athletes will be kept busy this week. They have arranged the following programme:

Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock the preparatory boys will entertain their mothers to a display in the gymnasium and swimming tank.

Wednesday evening the junior swimming club will rehearse their swimming tank games, to be held New Year's evening at 5.

Friday, New Year's Day, Frank Crompton is arranging a relay road race from the Willows to the Carnegie library; boys from the junior soccer league only. Entries are expected from Y. M. C. A., High School, Victoria West and North Ward.

New Year's morning will be the annual treasure hunt.

MUST STAY OUT.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—It is learned that the application of Ottawa College to be re-admitted to the inter-collegiate amateur athletic union was refused at a special meeting of the governors held in Toronto last week. Ottawa College was anxious to be given another chance at both hockey and rugby, but will remain out for at least another year.

REMARKED ON THE SIDE

Spokane Shaking Up Their Veterans.

While F. C. Farr has not yet made public the name of his manager for 1915, it is a good bet that Nick Williams will handle the Indians. The Spokane team is said to have put through a deal with Portland whereby the Indians will secure the surplus talents of the Coast league club, and one of the provisions that McClelland exacted is said to have been Williams' appointment as Spokane pilot. The fact that the Spokane management have sold Wagner to Cincinnati gives Butler a chance to make a deal for himself and let go of him. She, Hogan and Atletto know that they are building a players from a source that can be depended upon. If Williams is given the management he can secure a bunch of promising young players, including Haworth, Guigny, Coffey and a host of young twirlers. There will be plenty of players on the market this year, as the Coast leaders cannot carry more than eighteen men.

Comfortable Hockey on the east.

In the report that came over the wires from the east on the opening matches of the National Hockey Association, that one from Quebec which included the note that the temperature was twelve degrees below zero, while Ottawa was heating Quebec, must have sent an icy chill down the spines of the former easterners. Just imagine sitting out at the Willows with the thermometer below zero, and our home team getting walloped. Artificial ice has given hockey a great boost and the eastern magnates are only finding out now that it is cheaper to have their arenas piped, than to depend upon Jack Frost for the ice surface. Another important matter is that if necessary, the coast arenas can be heated, as is done at New York and Boston, for the comfort of their patrons. Happily, however, this is not necessary, for we can see the greatest hockey in the world without muffling up in frost to any great extent.

The Laborer Who Worked Himself Sick.

It was learned, to-day from a reliable source, that, etc.—Any newspaper.

Into my sanctum a wan figure staggered;

Pleading, he dropped to his knees,

Cried out this yokel-pale, worn, torn and haggard—

"Mister, lay off me, please!"

"I got Hugh Jennings to manage the tanks,

I signed McBride as a Fed,

I released Baker, and got little thanks

For saying the outlaws were dead.

"I traded Caldwell, sent Marquard away;

I bought up Sherwood Magee;

Ain't that enough? Can't you just for one one,

Pick on somebody's sides me?"

"Your name, sir?" I asked him. "I don't know you, Al."

(His face was familiar, of course.)

"Don't know me!" he cried. "The sport writer's pal!"

"I'm a Reliable Source!"

TO-NIGHT'S MATCH



MICKEY MCKAY.

LACROSSE DANCE TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH

A. A. U. President Says Joe Lally Must Back Down on Mann Cup; 'Peg Track Meet

For the purposes of selecting a date for their second dance of the season, a meeting of the members of the Victoria Lacrosse club will be held at Dr. G. A. Hall's office to-morrow at 8 o'clock. The success of the first dance of the club, held in November, has greatly encouraged the V. A. A. members, and they look for another crowded ball room when they give their second dance next month.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 29.—Thomas Boyd, president of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, has returned from Ottawa where he attended the annual meeting, and was elected to the chief executive position. Speaking of the lacrosse dispute over the ownership of the Mann cup, Mr. Boyd states he was not present at the annual meeting of the Canadian Amateur Lacrosse association as a delegate, but as an interested spectator.

"I think the association made the only possible ruling they could in declaring the Vancouver team Canadian champions; all their players were vouchered by the Amateur Athlone and the cup trustees. Joe Lally apparently made no attempt to consult the amateur authorities either of British Columbia or the Dominion before declaring Kendall a professional. The lacrosse people are determined to control their own sport, and if Mr. Lally cannot come to an understanding with them regarding the Mann cup, a new trophy will be secured."

Mr. Boyd is confident that the next annual meeting will come to Winnipeg and track championships may also be held here next year if the local branch is willing to handle the meet.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Robert McLean, international ice skating champion, holder of all amateur records from 220 yards up to two miles, has announced that he was no longer an amateur. McLean "admitted that he received \$75 a week and other perquisites for exhibition skating on an artificial pond, in a downtown cafe.

WHOLESALE WINNERS OVER OUTLAW BOWLERS

Bambers took three straight games from the Elks' club in a City league bowling fixture at the Arcade alleys last night, the Elks' team failing to turn up. Wholesalers, won three from the Outlaws, the scores being:

	Outlaws
Hartley	323 328 16
S. Patterson	361 121 16
Billingham	144 146 16
A. Patterson	174 129 16
	602 549 37

CHAMPION UNDER BAN.

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BASKETBALL LEAGUE TO OPEN SATURDAY

Great interest is being taken in the Church Basketball League—which opens in the Y. M. C. A. Saturday night. This season the league is a six team organization, and the officers are working hard to have the teams as evenly matched as possible. Without the services of their leader, Archie Willis, and a few other members, the Metropolitan team, holders of the Knox shield, will have to fight hard to retain the trophy. Saturday night they meet the Fairfield Methodist team in the opening game at 8.30. Knox Presbyterian and the First Baptist teams are booked for the second game of the evening.

SMITH WINS A BOUT.

New York, Dec. 29.—Gunboat Smith, of California, so far outclassed Chick Carsey, of Philadelphia, that the referee stopped the fight in the third round last night. Willie Beecher, a local lightweight, knocked out Tim O'Neill of Boston in one round.

HUNT CLUB MEETING.

There will be a meeting of the Victoria Hunt Club at 5:30 to-morrow (Wednesday) at the offices of Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Fort street.

MANY CHANGES ON SPOKANE INDIANS

Wholesale Cleanup Follows Mike Lynch's Release; Casey May Not Umpire Next Year

According to printed stories by New Colver, the well-known Spokane baseball critic and statistician, the following players will not be with the Spokane Indians when the spring training season starts:

Danny Shea released, Lou Nordyke not reserved, Joe Wagner sold to Cincinnati, Willis Butler permitted to make a deal for himself, Pitcher Tozer not reserved and Outfielder Horan, who is to be traded or sold.

This means that the Reds will have practically a new lineup when they face the starter next April.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 29.—There is a rumor that Pearle Casey, who umpired the big majority of Northwestern League games in Vancouver last summer, will not be seen on the diamond next season. The reason given is that Pearle does not pull any too well with some of the directors of the league.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—President Tener of the National League recently gave out a statement in which he declared that Charles W. Murphy really is "out of baseball."

Mr. Tener intimated that in discussing baseball affairs for publication, Mr. Murphy is imposing on the newspapers, assuming an authority which he does not possess.

At the very moment, Mr. Tener was making these statements there reposed in Charles W. Murphy's strong box in Chicago the majority stock of two baseball teams—one fourth of the entire league presided over by Mr. Tener.

Held as Collateral.

Just to demonstrate conclusively how far Mr. Murphy is out of baseball at present, here is what he has locked up in his safe in that city:

(1.) The majority stock of the Philadelphia National League club, which is in his hands as security for \$100,000 owed by the club to Murphy. The next payment of this loan is due in January. It is fair to assume that if Murphy fails to collect this money he will foreclose and take possession of the Philadelphia club.

(2.) The controlling stock of the Chicago Cubs, placed in his hands as collateral when Charles P. Taft took over Murphy's stock in the club. This stock is security for a large, indebtedness, and as in the case previously cited, it is fair to assume that unless Mr. Taft meets his payments promptly Mr. Murphy will foreclose and take possession of the Chicago Cubs.

"Vancouver's speed cannot be any greater than that of the Portland club, and on our home ice we should win by two or three goals from the Terriers." That is the manner in which the Victoria hockey squad size up to-night's match at the Willows arena against the Coast league leaders.

Vancouver has not yet lost a game, while the champions have been trampled into the mud three times in a row, the locals falling utterly to hold their opponents in any of their games to date. It will be a battle of the giants to-night, for Vancouver touts as the coming champions, the title holders of 1913-1914 will surely fight to the last ditch before they lower their colors to the mainland aggregation.

Victoria simply must win to-night's fixture. If the Senators are to remain in the fight for the championship, Manager Patrick figures that his team are simply slumbering from the effect of two championships in a row. The team goes away to a punk start a year ago and their sensational finish of 1913 is still fresh in the minds of the local fans. The team, however, are not looking for any stern chases, for they know that if either Vancouver or Portland get off to a flying start that it will take an awful lot of good hockey to overhaul them. The breaks have all

President Dave Bain announced this morning that there would be two extra cups for the local soccer cup competitions for the local soccer clubs after the City league schedule has been completed. He has secured the promise of a well-known sportsman for a handsome cup to be given the local section of the B. C. F. A. for inter-club competition, while the Sir John Jackson trophy will be given to the winner of the preliminary matches of the McBride shield contest. The details of the extra cup ties will be given out later.

Last night's gathering of the Victoria Football Association in the Y. M. C. A. white room was a happy sitting. A team to represent Vancouver New Year's Day was selected. News was received that Sir John Jackson Co. had donated a trophy for an Island league, and Saturday's matches were arranged.

It is doubtful if the All-Star team selected to oppose Vancouver in the inter-city match New Year's Day could be imposed upon. This line-up appears to be strong in both attack and defense. The team selected was as follows: Goal, Shrimpton (Thistles); backs, Boyle (Wests), and Taylor (Thistles); halves, Niven (Jacksons), Adams (Thistles), Allen (Jacksons); forwards, Carter (Jacksons), Ward (Jacksons), Pickering (Thistles); Muir (Thistles), Clarkson (Jacksons). Reserve: Sheriff (Jacksons), Blundell (Jacksons), and Inglis (Thistles). Reserve, Allen.

Sir John Jackson Co. have posted a handsome trophy for a city series to be formed after the Peden cup and City league schedules have been completed.

This season the soccer season was rather short, and the forming of an Island league would keep the game well into March.

After deduction of all expenses the Christmas Day patriotic fund game netted \$1,000.

The following games are scheduled for Saturday: Sir John Jacksons vs. Victoria Wests, at Royal Athletic park; referee, Dougall, High school vs. Victoria Wests, at Beacon Hill. Wests vs. Empress, referee, Allen; ground to be announced later.

London, Dec. 29.—The following are the results of the scheduled league football games played yesterday on the grounds of the first named club:

First Division.

Chelsea, 1; Burnley, 4.

Sheffield United, 1; Notts County, 0.

Second Division.

Birmingham, 3; Notts Forest, 0.

Leicester Fosse, 0; Derby County, 0.

Southern League.

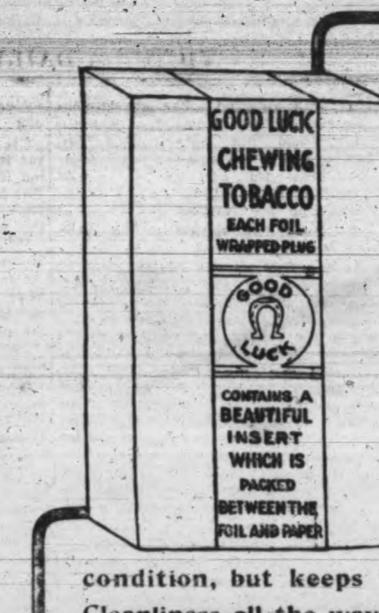
Crystal Palace, 2; Norwich City, 1.

Northampton, 1; Exeter City, 1.

Swindon Town, 1; Croydon Common, 1.

Bristol Rovers, 1; Southend United, 1.

Phoenix Beer, dozen pints, 75c.



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LEAGUE LEADERS MEET CHAMPIONS

IN CRUCIAL COAST LEAGUE BATTLE

Vancouver Favorites in Betting Over Local Septette; Victoria Players Look for a Real Come-back

been going to the other club in Victoria's games to date, though the team received a regular wallop at Portland on Saturday night.

Captain Bill Griffin will start out with the team that has copped three in a row for the Millionaires and the betting is strong in Vancouver that the latter club will repeat their win over Victoria. Vancouver was lucky to win the opening game at the Terminal City three weeks ago, while only their excellent condition enabled them to beat Portland a week ago. Victoria took no chances on going stale by practicing yesterday, the team resting up for to-night's crucial fixture.

Changes may be looked for on the local club if the team does not come through with a win, for Manager Patrick does not believe in carrying men who cannot deliver the goods. Several trades have been talked of but nothing will be done pending the come back which the champions are due to stage in to-night's clash.

Victoria Position. Vancouver. Lindsay, Goal. Lehman, Point. Genge, Point. Cook, Cover. Patrick, Cover. Pouli, Rover. Taylor, Griffins. Dunderdale, Centre. McKay, Left Wing. Mallon, Kerr, Right Wing. Neighbors, Nighbours.

New York, Dec. 29.—The Ottawa College football team defeated the Crescent A. C.

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NIPPON LINER SAILS

Sado Maru Has Much Cotton, Wheat and Flour; Passenger Travel Falls Off

Carrying exceptionally large shipments of cotton, flour and wheat the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Sado Maru, Capt. Asakawa, is clearing for Yokohama, Shanghai, Manila and Hongkong at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon. The steamship has stowed beneath her hatches a total of 7,000 tons of freight, and according to news from Seattle she was unable to accommodate all the cargo that was booked for her. The cotton movement is now in full swing and outward ships will have little difficulty in filling their holds for the next month or two. Flour and wheat are also moving across the Pacific to the Orient in large quantities, although general merchandise is not being exported in nearly the same bulk as previously.

The passenger travel between this coast and the Far East has shown a decided falling off. The Sado is sailing with a good list of saloon and steerage passengers, but is not full up. James Edwards and R. Ryder, together with two Chinese, are the first cabin travellers who will embark here and proceed to Hongkong. Seventy-five Chinese are booked for steerage passage. No news from Yokohama.

Capt. Komatsubara, master of the liner Yokohama Maru, of the same fleet, did not report by wireless last night. The ship is inbound from the Far East, and according to a telegram received on Monday night the master stated that he would arrive at William Head on Wednesday evening. By this it was assumed that the steamship would be too late to pass quarantine. The Yokohama Maru, however, is a fast vessel and Capt. Komatsubara may try and reach the station before the sun drops behind the Sooke Hills to-morrow afternoon. A strong southeast gale has broken over the west coast during the last 24 hours, and if the Yokohama strikes it she will no doubt experience a delay, which may make it impossible for her to reach William Head until some time to-morrow night.

'FRISCO'S MARINE NEWS

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Capt. Read of the Standard Oil company's British tanker Tattarrax arriving yesterday morning from Shanghai, reported that he encountered severe north and northwest gales during the first week of the voyage. A tremendous sea accompanied the blow and at times the tanker's decks were swept, but no damage was done. The Tattarrax made the voyage in twenty days in ballast.

The liner President of the Pacific Steamship company arrived yesterday morning from Puget Sound and continued in the afternoon for Los Angeles and San Diego.

To finish loading for Liverpool direct, the British freighter Discoverer, Capt. Rushforth, of the Harrison Direct Line, came in yesterday morning from Puget Sound.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION.

Mariners are notified that the red spar buoy of Shoal Point will be moved in position 120 feet easterly in a line directly towards the Shoal Point beacon. It will then be about 240 feet from the beacon.

Foul ground extends between the buoy and this beacon.

This change will be made on or about Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1914, without further notice.

BELIEVE IRMGARD TO BE IN DIFFICULTIES

ASSISTANCE SENT

Barquentine Supposed to Be Wrecked in Hawaiian Group; Assistance Sent

Honolulu, Dec. 29.—Somewhere south of the island of Oahu, the American barquentine Irmgard is supposed in need of assistance. If indeed she has not passed beyond the possibility of aid. The liner Sonoma, which sailed from here last night for Sydney, reported by wireless that the Irmgard was in distress, but a tug sent from Honolulu returned, unable to find any trace of the windjammer.

The Irmgard is bound from Levuka, Fiji Islands, for San Francisco. She is a wooden vessel of 671 tons and was built in Port Blakely in 1889. She is owned by Selyukal's party. It is believed that the Irmgard left Levuka on October 20, 1914, and was due to arrive in San Francisco on November 25. The Irmgard left Levuka on October 20, 1914, and was due to arrive in San Francisco on November 25.

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125 Fow Bay Rd., 6 rooms, per month	\$10.00
134 Haulian St., 6 rooms, per month	\$10.00
101 Bank St., 7 rooms, per month	\$10.00
124 Fairwood Rd., 6 rooms, per month	\$10.00
121 Pandora Ave., 12 rooms, per month	\$10.00
1st First St., 2 rooms, per month	\$10.00
122 Pandora Ave., 4 rooms, per month	\$10.00
178 King's Rd., 6 rooms, per month	\$10.00
100 Yates St., 8 rooms, per month	\$10.00
854 Hillside Ave., 8 rooms, per month	\$10.00
120 Fairwood Rd., 7 rooms, per month	\$10.00
137 Caledonia Ave., 7 rooms, per month	\$10.00
104 Mason St., 8 rooms, per month	\$10.00
125 Hillside Ave., 6 rooms, per month	\$10.00
237 Spring St., 8 rooms, per month	\$10.00
124 Dallas road, 7 rooms, per month	\$10.00
72 Blanshard St., 5 rooms, per month	\$10.00

FURNISHED HOUSES TO LET

Olympia Ave., 12 rooms, per month	\$50.00
Cecilia Rd., 6 rooms, per month	\$30.00
Hillside St., 8 rooms, per month	\$10.00
Gorge House, 12 rooms, per month	\$30.00
Langford St., 9 rooms, per month	\$30.00
Wellington St., 9 rooms, per month	\$30.00

REGIMENTAL BALL

Tickets for First Sergeants' Ball of
50th Highland Regiment in
Great Demand.

Tickets are in great demand for the first annual sergeants' ball of the 50th Regiment Gordon Highlanders of Canada, to be held to-morrow night at the Alexandra ballroom. The function is open to the general public. Among those who have intimated their intention of attending are his honor the lieutenant-governor and Mrs. Barrie.

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FOR SALE—Horse, harness and light delivery wagon. Apply B. & M. Farnell Market, 61 Johnson street.

FOR EXCHANGE—Albert lot, for plane in good condition. Box 695, Times.

WANTED—Modern, eight roomed house, with furnace, within walking distance of business district. Address, Box 695, Times.

CARIN TO RENT—Clean and in a quiet neighbourhood, suitable for two men, with single beds and furniture; rent \$1 per month. Apply Mrs. Douglas, Foster street, Esquimalt.

WANTED—Good men to sell accident and sickness insurance, liberal commissions; also two good women. Apply 215 Ward Bldg., Wednesday morning.

WHY do the crowds go to the Oak Bay Theatre?—

BECAUSE—Just pay one visit to this classy little picture house and you'll never have to go again. Magnificent pictures. Oak Bay Theatre.

TO LET—Modern, 7 roomed house, 29 Dallas road, near Hotel Hazel. Apply 128 Montrose Avenue. Phone 26511.

FURNISHED housekeeping rooms. 1517 Quadra, corner Maslin street.

OAK BAY THEATRE—Special holiday attractions every evening this week.

WANTED—A roll-top desk; must be a soap box. Box 97, Times.

TEAMSTERS—4-room house on Broughton Ave., electric light and water. 6-stall stable. \$14 month. Hurrell, 150 Patricia Ave. Phone 33482.

WANTED—To buy, good cow, no less than four gallons daily. Phone 103371.

FOR SALE—Bed, chairs, stove, table, etc.; must be sold this week at any price. Box 98, Times.

A SNAP—Auto repair shop and marine workshop. 232 Quadra street.

WANTED—Woman for general house-work. 232 Quadra street.

BARBERS—Splendid location for barber shop, no competition, very small rent. Call 22A Pemberton Building.

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished, clean dormitory, bath, good locality. Box 695, Times.

DIED

DREWRY—On the 28th inst., at the Glen Ranch, Cowley, Alberta, John Clime Drewry, brother of Wm. S. Drewry, of

MANUFACTURERS HAVE
CHANCE AT CONTRACTSWord Received by Board of
Trade That British Govern-
ment Wants Supplies

an acting principal put in till the school is definitely organized. There is not the competition between boards to secure teachers that was the case a year ago and the number of changes in the province is much smaller than formerly. Nevertheless the competition did a great deal to stimulate salaries to the level of those paid to teachers at the present time.

The principal school engagement next Monday, is the opening of the magnificent High school at New Westminster, an institution long desired by the citizens and one which will maintain a high standard of education. The Victoria board has been asked to send representatives.

Victoria is naturally greatly interested in the opening of the Normal School here, details of which event are now being arranged.

ECONOMISTS TO WAIT
UPON FIRE WARDENSCivic Retrenchment Associa-
tion Turns Attention to
Fire Department

The next organization which is to receive the attention of the Civic Retrenchment association in its campaign for lower taxes is the fire-wardens committee. It was the last meeting of the year and the proceedings took something of the nature of a "clean up" of the business left on the secretary's file.

Some months ago the board complained to the Great Northern railway, handling Victoria city business over the V. & S. line in respect to inefficient freight service. Interim correspondence has been exchanged and after months of negotiation the board to-day received the following message from K. J. Burns, the assistant general freight agent:

"We have now been able to work out a new arrangement on less than car-load shipments destined to points on the mainland on our line whereby new arrangements in these shipments will give our friends in Victoria a much better service."

This was considered satisfactory by the board and a letter of thanks will be sent to Mr. Burns.

The question of trade reciprocity with Australia also formed another fruitful subject of discussion at the meeting and a resolution will be prepared and sent to the Australian chambers of commerce, pointing out the desirability of preferential trade between Canada and that country.

A matter communicated by the Calgary board of trade was dealt with. This recommended that an industrial branch be added to the department of the interior at Ottawa for the purpose of collecting and compiling data on Canadian natural resources. To this was added the suggestion that specimens of raw and finished products be assembled in London at some place accessible to manufacturers and financiers.

The disputed point about the cost of the water for hydrants has not yet been settled. The figures have varied from \$2,000 to \$45,000 a year, the former figure being considered too high by the fire wardens, the latter reasonable by the water commissioners.

Some of the replies from various fire departments communicated with have been received. Regina makes a smaller charge than Victoria, the rate here being \$4 per hydrant per month. Vancouver fire department is not charged, while in Seattle hydrant charges are a local improvement charge against the property protected.

There is certain to be a fight before the department will agree to be charged a suggested figure of \$37,000. This figure would indicate in the eyes of the citizens a very expensive department to operate.

The mayor states that it is very doubtful if the Central Employment and Relief committee will be called together before next week. The holiday on Friday lessens the opportunity, and Saturday morning is not usually a satisfactory time to get the members, who include several ladies, together.

To-morrow afternoon there will be a meeting of the special committee appointed to consider a claim for rebate by Henry James, contractor, who worked on the Rorison block excavation.

Mr. James contends that he was not in any way responsible for the serious damage done by the blasting there to the Causeway comfort station, which is the subject of an action now against the owner of the site. In such work the engineering department requires deposit, and it is the return of this deposit he desires.

Another suit arises from this excavation through a horse and wagon backing down into the excavation, which was alleged to be insufficiently protected.

SEAMAN INJURED.

Naval Reserve Man Caught Between
Scow and Vessel at Naval Jetty;
Ligaments Torn.

Crushed between the scow on which he was standing and a vessel at the jetty of the navy yard, Alfred Deans, ordinary seaman of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, who has been serving on the Rainbow, suffered somewhat severe injuries.

The injured man was taken to the navy yard where he was examined by Dr. Boak, who found that some of the ligaments had been torn from the spine in the region of the kidneys. The actual extent of the injuries was not exactly determined, and the man's recovery, to one of the hospitals will probably follow. Meanwhile he is under the skilful care of the navy yard surgeon, Dr. E. H. Pardoe, and carried on business in the city for several days.

The death occurred at an early hour this morning at 2067 Quadra street, of Mrs. Mary Ann Pardoe, who was 31 years of age. She was born in Suffolk, England. The deceased, who was the relict of Charles Thomas Pardoe, had been a resident of this city for the past four months and for some nineteen years was a resident at Dawson. She leaves a widow to mourn her loss. The funeral will take place on Thursday at 8.45 o'clock from the chapel of the Sands Funeral Furnishing company, and fifteen minutes later services will be held at St. Andrew's cathedral.

The death took place this morning of Ernest Moll. The deceased was 52 years of age and was born in France. He had been a resident of this city for the past four months and for some nineteen years was a resident at Dawson. He leaves a widow to mourn his loss. The funeral will take place on Thursday at 8.45 o'clock from the above residence, where the Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick will officiate. The late Mr. Moll was a gunsmith, and carried on business in the city for several years.

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STANDARD LEAD IS FOREMOST FEATURE

Gained Ten Cents a Share on Victoria Stock Exchange This Morning

Rambler went back quickly, and with the big price unchanged, closed with the ten cents lower.

Standard lead quotations rose sharply ten cents. The investment inquiry in this issue was the foremost feature of the locality.

The balance of the roster signified an unchanged condition. Prices for the most part continued to mark time for want of some fresh impulse to compel a move. News is favorable for the Fortuna, which again shows some slight upward movement, while apparent advance movements in any one stock are naturally hampered.

Bid Asked

Blackader-Synthetic	10.00	22.00
Bellini Co.	75	125
C. N. P. Fisheries	30	30
Coronation Gold	65	65
Lucky Jim Zinc	40	60
McGillivray Coal	18	22
Met. Gas	60	60
Petroleum Canada	61	62
Rambler Carbon	10	18
Red Cliff	—	—
Standard Lead	13.00	14.00
Stewart M. & D.	30	30
Sloane Star	35	35
S. S. Island Creamery	6.00	6.00
Stewart Land	7.50	7.50
Unlisted	—	—
Glacier Creek	.02	.05
Land Investment	22.00	22.00
Union Club (deb.)	20.00	30.00
Western Can. F. Mills	120.00	120.00
Northland Tunnels	—	—
North Shore Iron	—	—
Smelt Works	90	90
Athabasca Oil	—	—
% % %	—	—

WHEAT AT WINNIPEG CLOSED HIGHER TO-DAY

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Following the sharp break of yesterday prices were "today" considerably higher, though gains were within narrow limits. Winnipeg wheat opened unchanged to 1 higher, oats 1 higher, and flax unchanged to 1 lower.

Many holders sold out yesterday and were paying back-to-day, which caused a firm market. The expert trade continues active, good sales were claimed to be worked to-day and a commencement has been made with all rail shipments in both wheat and oats. Cash trading is suspended, and a few small quantities of grain being offered, and the demand was about equal to the offerings. Inspections on Monday totalled 250 cars as against 148 last year, and in sight on Tuesday there were 16 cars. The market has not yet recovered from the buying reported in the Chicago market by Armistead and Partners firms, and over 1,000,000 bushels was said to be worked for export, which caused a sharp fall in value. Winnipeg fell again in sympathy.

Winnipeg wheat, futures closed 11 to 14 higher, cash closed 12 higher for contract grades. Oats closed 1 to 2 higher. Flax closed 1 to 1 up.

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City Council Refuses to Permit Sale of Articles at Market Which Are Not Necessities.

The city council spent an hour last evening on the market by-law and passed the measure to the limit possible at a single meeting. The most important clause, which limits the class of produce to be sold in the inside market to "food products" of the garden, dairy, greenhouse, nursery or farm, cuts out the sale of flowers from the market after to-morrow.

This course is being taken largely in deference to the wishes of the florists, who previously lodged a protest against the city disposing of nursery stock, although it was given away and not sold. The new rule, however, will take away from the market one of its most pleasing features, one which was rapidly developing.

In response to the wish of stallholders themselves, the by-law will be allowed to be held for periods of three months at a stretch before lots are drawn for them again.

Holding that the market has not yet reached the stage when it can support the community, the aldermen struck out a clause which was designed to prevent the peddling of articles in Victoria, (except milk and cream) before 11 a. m. on days on which there is a produce market held in the city. The master was then dropped.

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DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A CENTRAL BUREAU

City Council Has Offer of Voluntary Service From Unknown Gentleman

The city council last evening adopted the principle of establishing a bureau of registration for relief cases in the Market building, and decided that "the city council should appoint some competent person to manage the central bureau, at a salary to be decided on at a later date."

The committee's report ran in part: "We have had an offer from one gentleman to give his service in this capacity, free, until such time as the said bureau is properly organized."

"Your committee would recommend that the principle of the establishment of a central bureau be adopted, the details to be worked out by the executive committee appointed at a meeting held in the city hall on December 18 last."

Alderman Porter declared that the difficulty of finding an official had been one of the chief drawbacks so far and by this voluntary offer the problem had been met.

It was decided to thank the man indicated, whose identity was not disclosed.

Without committing itself to the principle of aiding the Salvation Army wood-cutting project the council voted \$50 to the Salvation Army. Alderman McNeill stating that the finance committee had recommended it because the scheme was saving the city expenses for relief of indigent men.

"We are going along in the right way and I am confident that in 1915 there will be, as a result of the association's efforts, no less than \$1,000,000 to the benefit of the city."

"I am sure it is the one live association in the city of Victoria that is doing good for our city."

Alderman Dilworth disavowed any animosity against the commissioner.

In answer to a question from Alderman Bell, Alderman Todd stated that on coming into office the executive committee had had to pay charges incurred by the old Development league. The master was then dropped.

"It is noticeable," says the "Daily Mail," "that the Kaiser's speeches no longer include references to God, only Frederick the Great." This confirms the rumors of a quarrel.—"Fluca."

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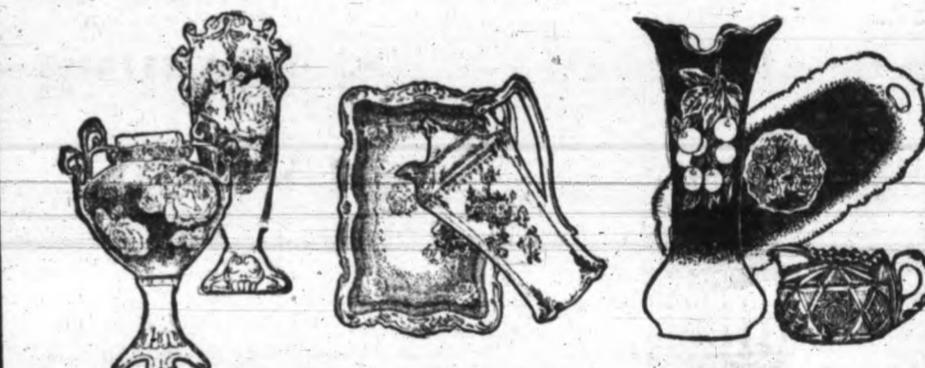
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